

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[00114] Methods of forming chemical casings include drilling a well bore with a drilling fluid having a pH in the range of from about 6 to 10 and comprising water, a water soluble or water dispersible polymer which is capable of being cross-linked by a thermoset resin and causing the resin to be hard and tough when cured, a particulate curable solid thermoset resin, a water soluble or dispersible thermoset resin, and a delayed dispersible acid-catalyst for curing the solid thermoset resin and the water soluble thermoset resin, whereby the drilling fluid forms a filter cake on the walls of the wellbore that cures into a hard and tough cross-linked chemical casing thereon.